



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Masaaki YOKOYAMA et al.

Serial No. 09/870,152

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Examiner Hai Vo

POLYPROPYLENE RESIN MOLDING
COMPOSITE FOR AUTOMOBILE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 20, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, lines 2-12, please rewrite the paragraph as follows:

However, the hitherto mold producing technique needs high temperature or high pressure steam heating when expanded resin particles are fusion-bonded. This leads to a drawback that surface quality of a surface layer is deteriorated by heat upon heating. Therefore there is another drawback that when a design as an interior decoration member is formed on the surface of a surface layer, the design becomes difficult to predominate. There is also another problem that if molding is carried out at a low temperature, fusion-bonded between expanded resin particles is deteriorated and adhesion of the surface layer and the foam layer and of the foam layer and the base member are also deteriorated.